

## YOUNG MAN HELD FOR MURDER OF HIS SWEETHEART

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 8.—Herbert Johns, 28 years old, is under arrest here charged with the murder of Alice Crispwell, his beautiful 18-year-old sweetheart.

Johns denies his guilt, and the police are throwing a great deal of unnecessary secrecy around the case.

The body of the girl was found in Harvey's Lake early yesterday. The last time she was seen alive was July 4, and she then was with Johns in the neighborhood of the lake.

Johns claims that he left the girl a mile from her home on the night of the 4th because he was not feeling well, and returned to the city.

On the other hand cottagers about the lake say they heard a girl's wild screams for help coming from the direction of the lake on the evening of the 4th.

S. T. Nicholson, president of the Vulcan Iron Works, told the police he and his wife passed Johns on the lake road the night of the murder, and that they also had heard the screams the cottagers talked of.

After being closeted with the chief of police, both Nicholson and his wife flatly refused to discuss the crime.

Johns, in his cell, is in a state of deep mental depression, but he also refuses to discuss the crime.

Physicians have examined the body of the slain girl. They found no apparent cause for the tragedy.

Alice Crispwell was noted for her beauty. She was not missed until yesterday. Her employers at Harvey's Lake thought her with her folks; her family thought her with her employer's family.

An inquiry was started when a letter to the girl from Johns was received by the girl's father at her home. The letter was written Sunday; it led to the dragging of the lake, the finding of the body.

The police will not even admit anyone to view the body, and it is not known if it be mutilated.

Alice Crispwell was madly in love with Johns.

## COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION THAT LEADS TO HOME RULE

Ald. Merriam, at last night's meeting of the city council, succeeded in having passed without opposition a resolution calling upon Gov. Dunne to summon the legislature in extra session to pass an amendment to the recently enacted public utilities law which will grant home rule to Chicago.

A second clause in the resolution, directing action on an initiative and referendum bill, was deferred until next week, with little change of passage.

Several aldermen in discussing the home rule section of the Merriam resolution assailed the governor for signing the public utilities measure.

An amendment to the police reorganization ordinance, sanctioned by Mayor Harrison, providing for the appointment of ten policewomen to look after bathing beaches and dance halls, was referred to the committee on police. It is planned to pay each of the feminine coppers \$900 a year.

When the police reorganization was jammed through several months ago the administration pointed out that too many men were in plain clothes who should be traveling beat in uniform. Chief McWeeny prepared a list of officers who should go back in "harness," and sent it to the mayor. After considering the plan, the mayor had another amendment to the ordinance passed last night, extending for four months the time in which the changes must be made.

An ordinance prohibiting the burying of cadavers without burials permits was referred to the health committee.

Ald. Merriam demanded further information about temporary civil service appointments.

The two-level boulevard link plan on Michigan avenue was approved by